

# ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

## The Third Sunday of Easter

Sun, April 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude:** "Alleluia" *from* Exsultate, jubilate

W. A. Mozart

### Welcome & Announcements

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*We gather with song and prayer as the People of God*

**Processional Hymn: #207** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

PLEASE STAND

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love, eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthrall!  
Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy;  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise, Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

### Easter Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*(repeat three times, each time louder!)*

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you!

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy!**

**Song of Praise:** Gloria (*Tune: Easter Hymn*)

Glory be to God, we sing, Alleluia! Peace on earth to all you bring; Alleluia!  
Worship, thanks and glory be, Alleluia! To our God eternally, Alleluia!

Lamb of God, to you we pray, Alleluia! Hear and take our sins away; Alleluia!  
You are seated high above, Alleluia! Hear our prayer, O Lord of love. Alleluia!

Glory to the Holy One, Alleluia! You Most High upon your throne; Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Alleluia! And the Spirit we adore. Alleluia!

## The Prayer of the Day

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*We read and respond to God's message in scripture*

PLEASE BE SEATED

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 35-41

*Read by John Knowles*

*A Reading from the Book of Acts.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 4** (*Tune: Crimond #519*)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

Give ear unto me when I call, God of my righteousness:  
Have mercy, hear my pray'r; thou hast enlarged me in distress.

O who will show us any good? is that which many say:  
But of thy countenance the light, Lord, lift on us alway.

Upon my heart, bestowed by thee, more gladness I have found  
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine did most with them abound.

I will both lay me down in peace, and quiet sleep will take;  
Because thou only me to dwell in safety, Lord, dost make.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-23

*Read by Janice Knowles*

*A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.*

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

## Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

9 Al - le - lui - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Je - sus is ri - sen from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: (sing) Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**People: (sing) Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Sermon:** Rev'd Jess Dowling

*(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection)*

## Affirmation of Faith: The Baptismal Covenant

PLEASE STAND

Presider: As we stand, I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in these words from our baptismal covenant.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us offer our prayers to God.

## The Prayers of the People

*Led by John Knowles*

*Please respond to the petition "Let us pray to the Lord," with the response, "Hear us, Lord of Glory."*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable)*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith*

## Offertory Hymn: CP #374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

### Prayer over the Gifts

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

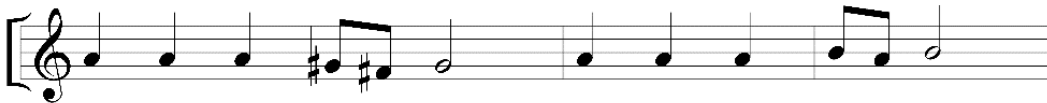
*The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus:*



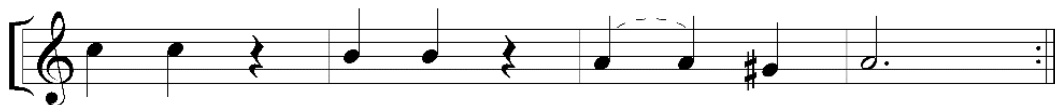
1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,  
3&4. (below)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!



Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,  
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,  
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!  
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
Glo ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!  
A - men, A - men, A - men.

*The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing:*

**People:** (sing verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Glory, glory, glory to you!**

*The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless and strengthen us, the Church, until we come to share the joys of heaven. We praise God's endless love, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing:*

**People:** (sing verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**  
**Amen, amen, amen!**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Presider:** Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All:** **Now we are raised to new life.**

**Presider:** We were buried in your tomb.

**All:** **Now we share in your resurrection.**

**Presider:** Live in us, that we may live in you.

**Presider:** The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Song for the Breaking of the Bread**

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the  
break-ing of the bread, One bo - dy are we, Lord  
Je - sus, for through ma - ny we all are one.

URSULA & DIETER TRAUTWEIN (ARR.)

**Choir:** The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion in the body of Christ.  
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**People:** **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread;**  
**One body are we, Lord Jesus, for through many we all are one.**

**Choir:** All who eat of this bread, alleluia, will live for evermore.  
This is the true bread, alleluia, which has come to us from heav'n.

**People:** **Be known to us, Lord Jesus . . .**

### **The Communion**

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.  
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Music during Communion:** He Comes to Us as One Unknown

N. Herman

## Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

### The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing of Prayer Shawls

#### Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Alleluia!**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Alleluia!**

May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Alleluia!**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### Recessional Hymn: CP #231 That Eastertide with Joy was Bright

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. He bade them see his hands, his side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!  
The tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. From every weapon death can wield  
Thine own redeemed forever shield: alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
Do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia!  
That we may give thee all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### Dismissal

Presider: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** I Come with Joy

D. Burton

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